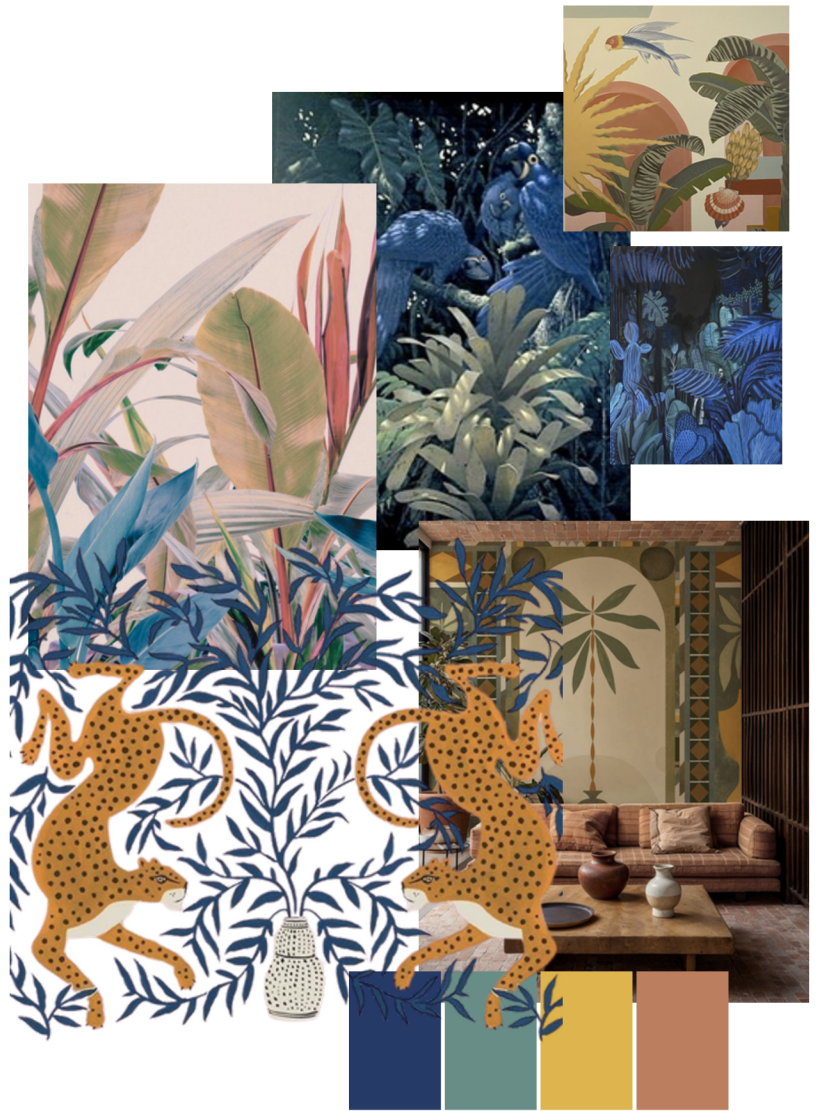




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JUNGLE

This colourful jungle scene overflows with lush plant life, and the gentle jaguar friend brings a touch of mystery and magic. The jungle is a wonderland of dazzling colours and rustling whispers, where adventure hides behind every green leaf and the air itself seems to shimmer with possibility!



THE PATTERN

This pattern, when printed onto A4 paper, will fit a 3" hoop.

Stitch the black lines in black perle thread, size 12.



STITCH GUIDE

Background

All satin stitch
761 sky
336 dark blue hedge, with 322 straight stitch details
322 blue hedge

Banana leaf plant

505 & 989 leaves: satin stitch
989 & 505 details (onto opposite colour leaves): straight stitch

Wobbly leaf plants

503 leaves: satin stitch
924 details: straight stitch
ECRU pot: satin stitch

Small leaf plant

924 leaves: satin stitch
732 pot: satin stitch

Palm leaf plant

732 satin stitch

Monstera plant

All satin stitch
937 leaves
ECRU pot

Jaguar

3821 body: split back stitch
ECRU details around mouth and eyes: satin stitch
938 marking: freehand split back stitch

Woman

938 hair: split back stitch
977 skin: satin stitch
761 vest: satin stitch
336 trousers: satin stitch

Floor

352 split back stitch

DMC Colour Codes:

- DMC 336 (dark blue)
- DMC 322 (blue)
- DMC 924 (dark teal)
- DMC 937 (rich green)
- DMC 503 (turquoise)
- DMC 505 (bright green)
- DMC 989 (soft bright green)
- DMC 732 (olive green)
- DMC 3821 (yellow)
- DMC 977 (orange)
- DMC 352 (peach)
- DMC 761 (pink)
- DMC 938 (dark brown)
- DMC ECRU (cream)

Unless otherwise stated, stitch with THREE strands of thread.

STITCH TIPS



Stitch the yellow jaguar body first, then add the brown markings with freehand split back stitch circles and spots. Or, use all french knots and make it a cheetah instead!



Likewise, stitch the base colour of the leaves/hedges first, then add in the highlights and details with straight stitch. This creates amazing texture and a real jungle atmosphere!



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I hope you enjoyed stitching this pattern!

I'd love to see your projects! Tag me @pennydowdell on Instagram, or use the hashtag #pennysabcchallenge!